

From: Terry Frost
To: Microsoft ATR
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Subject: Microsoft Settlement

Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I am writing you to express my concern over the extended delay in the settlement of the Microsoft antitrust case. I see no justifiable reason to prolong this case. The major parties have reached an agreement on both the nature of the matters at issue and the future remedial steps Microsoft will take to remedy past perceptions of wrongs and alter its present monopolistic-like advantages. I see no reason to prolong this litigation. The computer field has new innovations occurring frequently and rapidly.

Microsoft has agreed not only to forego any future anti-competitive practices but also to actively work to reduce its dominance in its field. For example, Microsoft will now configure its Windows systems in a manner that will allow its competitors to readily use and even exploit its platforms. Microsoft will alter its licensing practices with computer manufacturers so as to encourage the use of non-Microsoft software. Microsoft will submit now to an ongoing review of its practices by a new federal oversight committee. The company has agreed to embrace competition for the benefit of the entire industry.

Please work toward an acceptance of this plan and a cessation of this litigation.

Sincerely,

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